

County Description

Geographic

- Overton County is located in the Upper Cumberland region of middle Tennessee.
- Overton County is located 90 miles from Nashville and 16 miles from Cookeville.
- This county is predominantly rural and is surrounded by rolling hills and valleys.
- Pickett, Putnam, Jackson, Clay, and Fentress counties in Tennessee surround Overton County.
- The county is 16 miles from Interstate 40 and is accessible to several state highways.
- The average temperature in July is 78.0 degrees and the average in January is 39.0 degrees with annual average precipitation being 48.76 inches.
- Overton County has an elevation of 1,040 feet.

Land Area

- Overton County is a farming community consisting of 434 square miles.
- The closest waterway is the Cumberland River with the nearest port facility being 24 miles away in Gainesboro, Tennessee.
- The major agricultural crops for Overton County are small grains, vegetables and tobacco.

Economic Base

- The county's median family personal income is \$21,586.
- The county's median household personal income is \$18,293.
- Overton County's per capita personal income is \$15,102.
- The average weekly income as of 06/99 was \$423.
- The individual poverty rate for Overton County is 17.9%.
- The family poverty rate for Overton County is 14.4%.
- The 1998 average labor-force total was 9,760 of those, 9,080 were employed and 680 were unemployed giving Overton County an unemployment rate of 7.0%.
- The major employers in Overton County include Hutchinson Fluid Transfer, Livingston Regional Hospital, and The Berkline Corporation.